(b) if so, what action has been taken to ensure that the ban on sale of high dose formulation of EP drugs is strictly enforced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Government of India had banned the oral fixed dose combination of high concentration of Estrogen and Progesterone vide notification issued in the Gazette of India Extraordinary on 15.6.1988. It was brought to the notice of the Central Government that the combination was still available in some chemist shops in some States.

(b) Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act the sale of Drugs is controlled by the State Governments through the Drugs Control Organisations in their States. These State Drugs Control Organisations have been advised to strictly enforce the ban.

Utilisation of Irrigation Potential

2160. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the utilisation of irrigation potential in backward States like Madhya Pradesh is very low;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether special command area development authorities are being set up for all projects to ensure better utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The percentage of utilisation of irrigation potential created by the end of 1987-88 in Madhya Pradesh is anticipated to be 86 per cent as against the country's corresponding figure of about 89.7 per cent. The reasons for slow progress are late start in irrigation development in the State and constraint of financial resources.

(c) Seven command area development authorities covering 22 projects have been set up so far.

Import of Facsimile Machine

2161. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of facsimile machines imported during the past two years alongwith the associated foreign exchange outflow for the respective years;

(b) whether any demand projections have been made for the Eighth Five Year Plan period and for the rest of the current plan period; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any domestic manufacture has applied for licence to manufacture facsimile machines in the country;

(d) if so, the details of licences issued stating its capacity in each case; and

(e) if the answer to part(c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The demand during the terminal year of the 8th Five year Plan is expected to be of the order of 100,000 nos. The demand for the rest of the current plan is of the order of 20,000 nos.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of the licences issued so far as follows;

Name	Annual Capacity
1. Electronics Corpn. of India Limited (ECIL), Hyderabad.	2,000 nos.
2. Scantel Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.	2,000 nos.

In addition fourteen (14) applications are under consideration of the Government.

(e) Does not arise.

Balloon Studies

2162. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "Indian Express" dated 6th November, 1988 wherein it has been stated that Balloon Studies received a minor setback when a zero-pressure balloon with scientific equipment, intended to carry out an experiment designed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), to study aerosol particles in the atmosphere, launched from Hyderabad failed to stay afloat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the Press Report is not correct. An official denial was also issued to the Press immediately. The balloon was launched successfully on November 5, 1988 from Hyderabad and reached an altitude of 16.5 k.m. Successful measurement of aerosol concentration profiles were made between 2-16 5 k.m. altitude region both during the accent and descent of the balloon, thus fulfilling the primary objective of the experiment as part of the aerosols campaign under the Indian Middle Atmosphere Programme (IMAP). The experimental payload was designed by the scientists of the Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad and the balloon, its instrumentation and launch support were provided by the National Balloon Facility, Hyderabad.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Missile testing range in Karnataka

2163. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sites for long range test firing involving a variety of disciplines and technologies has been found in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has big plans for expansion in the State for missiles test ranging programme; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Centre had requested the Karnataka Government for handing over Markandeya and Marihal ranges in Belgaum to the Defence Research and Development Organisation on a permanent basis; and

(d) if so, whether the State Government has agreed to the proposal, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Defence Research & Development Organisation is exploring certain sites in Karnataka for setting up a test firing range for gun ammunition, mortar and similar systems. There